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**ALBANY, GA** - Seven Albany leaders are back from a trip to the nation's capitol where they encouraged our Representatives to support local projects.

Albany's city manager, the Dougherty County Commission Chairman, and Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development leaders met with Representative Sanford Bishop, and Senators Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson. They also met with senior Marine officials at the Pentagon, including General Williams formerly of MCLB.

"There are a lot of issues the Marine Corps is facing, decisions that have to be made over future funding and of course one of the key things that was decisions that were made just a month or so ago was the elimination of the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle which is the next generation of troop transport for Marine landings," said Ted Clem, Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission President.

Currently the base rehabs transport vehicles called AAV's. The group also discussed potential federal money for the widening of Highway 133 and a new terminal at Southwest Georgia Regional Airport.